



## New Boulevard to be unveiled

The McLoughlin Boulevard Improvements Project Advisory Committee (PAC) has developed a draft design for the McLoughlin Boulevard Improvements Project. An Open House will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Public Safety Building and the project team welcomes public review and comment on the proposed design.

The PAC, comprised of City staff, regional agencies, local citizens and downtown business owners, worked closely with the project consultant, David Evans & Associates, to develop the proposed design. The current design calls for wider sidewalks and planter strips on both sides of the roadway, bike lanes, a landscaped median with turn lanes at select locations, and improved pedestrian

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## Police initiate citizen patrol

The Milwaukie Police Department is looking for volunteers to help officers crack down on those who illegally park in handicap spaces.

Sergeant Mark Dye explains that once the group is trained, volunteers will be issued identification vests and caps, cell phones that enable them to communicate with dispatch to positively identify offenders and a citation book to write tickets for those who are in violation.

Volunteers will be asked to patrol about 8 to 10 hours a month for not only

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### Milwaukie's Local Leaders

## Stepping up for Spring Park

It's funny how some things work out. Lisa Batey explains that hadn't she moved to the particular block she did, she probably never would have learned of the Island Station Neighborhood Association.

And if that were the case, she wouldn't have began attending the meetings, learned about Spring Park, and become the champion of creating a park at the site.

Lisa moved to Island Station two years ago into a house located on one the Neighborhood's most active blocks. Bonnie Mishler, the Neighborhood Association's Treasurer, lives across the street and invited her to a meeting.

Before her involvement the "park" located at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sparrow Street largely served as a trailhead for Elk Rock Island. Now, after organizing a series of work parties the area is beginning to look more like a natural recreation area for kids and families and less like an untamed forest.

Non-native trees and invasive vegetation has been cut and cleared and with Neighborhood Grant Money, she has purchased a picnic table, bench, trash receptacle and bicycle rack.

On the weekend of March 6<sup>th</sup> and



Lisa Batey

7<sup>th</sup> residents will take to the park and install the equipment Lisa's purchased, and she invites anyone interested to come out and lend a hand. A meeting organizing a foot patrol for Elk Rock Island and Spring Park will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in City Hall.

For more information about these efforts please call (503) 786-7503.

Lisa explains her commitment to developing a true park at Spring Park is born from attending the meetings and simply identifying the need.

"I definitely heard about Spring Park through the Neighborhood," Lisa said. "I got the sense that the people who were working on it were getting burned out and were looking for somebody to step in."

And that's exactly what Lisa did. ☐

## Interested in making change?

Are you interested in becoming more involved in your local government? Would you like to take more of a leadership role in your community but don't know how?

The City of Milwaukie is sponsoring a Leadership Course to get you started and it only requires a few hours of your time. This free two-hour course will illustrate how you can take gradual steps to become more involved in your local

government and affect the kind of change you want to see being made.

While the exact date has not been set, the class will be held on a weekday evening during the final week of April.

If you are interested in attending or learning more about this opportunity please contact Jason Wachs, Program Coordinator, at (503) 786-7568 or look for more information in next month's **Pilot**. ☐

## Council to recognize exemplary citizens

To contact Councilor Joe Loomis, call (503) 786-7514 or send an email to [loomisj@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:loomisj@ci.milwaukie.or.us).



I can remember when I was a child looking forward to those long Sunday drives from Portland to the country to visit Grandma in Milwaukie. We gathered eggs from the chicken coop and fell asleep to the sound of the train going by, with its distant whistle and the clackity-clack of the tracks.

The community had such pride in the Mustangs of Milwaukie High School. This was definitely a different and, in my mind, better place than Portland. A lot of things have changed in 40 plus years. The chickens are gone (if not, give our code enforcement officer a call). The train still goes by, but the whistle seems less romantic than I remember and the clackity-clack gets a little tiresome as I sit in my car behind a line of traffic.

One thing that hasn't changed is how proud the community is of the Mustangs of Milwaukie High School. Each year they host the nationally acclaimed Living History Day to honor our veterans. They have an annual canned food drive that collects hundreds of pounds of food for the Oregon Food Bank. They give support to the Annie Ross House. Members of the after school craft club sewed Christmas stockings that were filled with goodies and donated to local charities. The list goes on and on.

The city of Milwaukie and Milwaukie High School have a long and deep-rooted history together, one that needs to be celebrated. I'm proud to be part of a City Council that is going to begin honoring a student from Milwaukie High School every month with a Citizenship Award, recognizing them for their service to our community.

Yes, things change over time and our view changes. But, in my opinion, Milwaukie is still a different and better place to live than Portland.

## Preserve historic gem

The newly-formed Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association, Inc. would like to thank the Milwaukie Center and North Clackamas Parks District for co-sponsoring its kickoff event on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. The Association's President, Mark Neubauer, gave two back-to-back presentations providing information regarding the maintenance, restoration, research and the education goals of the group.

Joan Staley and Madalaine Bohl both acquainted folks with one of the Luelling family, Alfred, and a sketch of he and his family members interred at the cemetery.

The Milwaukie Cemetery Assoc. will be working with other groups, both local and state-wide, to share information about pioneer cemeteries for both historians and genealogists, as well as maintaining, preserving, restoring and educating about our own jewel. Many pioneer cemeteries have suffered such neglect that they are practically disappearing from the landscape. The Association is set against allowing that to happen here. If you would like to learn more about the Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association, please call (503) 786-7503.

## Check new traffic laws

With the Oregon Legislature passing a handful of new traffic laws last session the Milwaukie Police Department is trying to spread the word so citizens won't unknowingly break one of these new laws:

- **Helmet use** – Kids younger than 16 must wear a helmet if using a skateboard, skates, or a scooter.
- **School zones** - The 20 mph speed limit in school zones now apply at ALL times.
- **Truck passengers** – Minors may not ride in the bed of a pickup unless secured.
- **Stopping for pedestrians** – Motorists must wait for pedestrians to clear the crosswalk before proceeding through an intersection.

If you have any questions, please call Milwaukie Police Officer Larry Giddings at (503) 786-7480.

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crossings at Harrison, Monroe, and Washington Streets.

The goals of the project are to improve safety for all modes of transportation on McLoughlin between Harrison Street and the Kellogg Creek Bridge, to give the Boulevard a new identity and to improve access between the City's Riverfront and Downtown.

Comments offered at the Open House, set for , will help inform the PAC and City Council as they determine the roadway's final design. The project team will be seeking Council's endorsement of a preferred roadway design at a public hearing in April. For more information, please call Brion Barnett at (503) 786-7608.

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motorists who park in designated spaces without the proper identification, but those who may have the sticker or hanger, but are clearly not the person the permits were issued to.

Those interested in receiving an application are asked to call Sergeant Dye at (503) 786-7494.

## Boards & Commissions offer ways to influence

The City of Milwaukie maintains 10 boards and commissions to help ensure citizens have ample opportunity to influence City affairs.

At the end of March a number of terms will expire and the City is continually looking for quality applicants to serve these advisory positions. To learn more please consult the City's website at [www.cityofmilwaukie.org/committees/bdoverview.html](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/committees/bdoverview.html) or phone (503) 786-7502. Applications can be submitted until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Working Group delivers recommendation

Of the 21 Transit Center Relocation Working Group members in attendance at their Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, all but three endorsed moving the Transit Center from its Downtown location to a 2-acre site southwest of Kellogg Lake off of McLoughlin Boulevard.

The Working Group is comprised of Neighborhood Leaders, Downtown Business representatives, North Industrial landowners, and staff from the City, TriMet, ODOT and Metro.

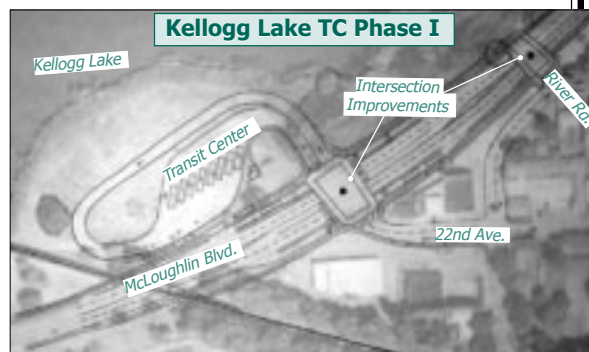
The Working Group's recommendation was delivered with key conditions. Among them was mitigating traffic, parking, environmental and visual impacts that may result from moving the Transit Center to the Kellogg site. The Group also called for an on-going evaluation of cut through traf-

fic in Neighborhoods and convening a public safety advisory committee to guide design and operations of the new facility.

Phase I of the project, projected for 2006, includes the relocation of the Transit Center, a pair of intersection improvements and a pair of new bus shelters and related street improvements outside City Hall.

Phase II would expand the facility to include a Park & Ride structure and bring light rail into the site from Downtown. Pedestrian bridges from the site to Downtown and the Riverfront would also be constructed. Phase II may depend on a regional vote to secure the needed funding.

Milwaukie staff supports the Working



Group recommendation, as do the regional agencies.

The Planning Commission will review the matter at its March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, and City Council is expected to make a decision at its April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Public testimony is strongly encouraged at both meetings. ☐

## Story Time!

Ledding Library is going to be a busy spot during area's school's Spring Break. Take a look at all that's going on:

- **Saturday, March 20 at 2 p.m.,** the marionette show "Snow White and Rose Red" will be performed for ages 3 and up.
- **Thursday, March 25 at 2 p.m.,** school-aged kids can learn basic Japanese characters, simple Japanese conversation, and origami art with Kaori Wallack.
- **The week's festivities wrap up with a craft on Saturday, March 27 at 2 p.m.** for ages 6 and up.

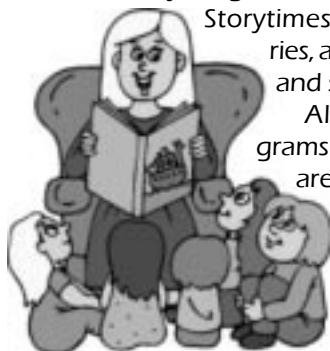
In addition to these special programs, the library also offers three weekly storytimes. Preschoolers ages 3-5 can come to storytime every Tuesday at 1 p.m. or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Toddlers ages 2-3 have a storytime on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Storytimes include stories, action rhymes, and songs.

All of the programs at the library are free.

Please call (503) 786-7580 for more information. ☐



## Popular collection event set

The City's highly-popular Down to Earth Day garbage collection event is set for Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

On Down to Earth Day the City will set Dumpsters at three locations throughout the City so residents can get rid of the stuff that's cluttering their homes and yards for a very reasonable fee, typically as little as \$3. The sites for this year's collections are Linwood Elementary, Ardenwald Elementary, and Seth Lewelling School.

Collection sites will be open to the

public from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Residents can dump furniture, unmounted tires, scrap metal, yard debris and general trash. The following materials will NOT be accepted: kitchen garbage, liquids, asbestos, animal wastes, dirt, stumps, rock, large appliances and hazardous materials, such as paint.

Curb-side service for seniors and disabled residents is available on a limited basis. For more information, please call Community Services Director, JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508. ☐

## The Milwaukie Code Corner

The City's Municipal Code does not allow for the accumulation of any debris on a property that could pose health risks or mar the appearance of the Neighborhood.

So things like bags of household garbage, scrap materials, tires, car parts and old appliances are not allowed on private property.

The question then becomes, where should this kind of unwanted trash go?

Well, much of it can be taken to the Dumpsters provided by the City on Down to Earth Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

However, keep in mind that as the story above points out, large appliances and hazardous materials, such as paint, will not be accepted at the collection event.

The Household Hazardous Waste Facilities in Northwest Portland and Oregon City accept hazardous materials at no cost.

If you have any questions about whether or not you or a neighbor might be in violation of this code, give Code Compliance Coordinator Steve Campbell a call at (503) 786-7545. ☐



# AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 6 for contact information.

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 8, 7 p.m.**; Where: **Milwaukie Elementary**

We are but five months from 2004's **RIVERFEST**, the new name for Milwaukie Festival Daze. A decision was made to change the name because we're switching the venue to the river, our heritage.

The Festival Parade will be held on the usual route down Lake Road along Main Street to the old Southgate Theater.

The date has been changed to July 23, 24, 25, from previous mid-June dates to hopefully get a break in the weather. Last year we held a very successful one-day "Riverfront Blast" in late July, thus the change.

We'll have live music, kids entertainment, food, craft and community vendors, a beer garden and Dragon Boat Races, a successful innovation from last year's "Blast." The main Riverfront event will be a giant fireworks display on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, another huge success from last year.

To capitalize on our very positive experience from last year's Centennial, we are again recruiting volunteers for every aspect of **RIVERFEST**. We need organizers, detail people, ticket sellers, and hands to set up and tear down. Some of these jobs are very demanding and time-consuming, others will require only a few hours, but all are of vital importance to our success.

To volunteer please call me at (503) 880-6173 or Kelley Howell at (503) 777-7401.

## ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Carlotta Collette**, Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 9, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

At last month's memorial services for Dorothy Graf and Jean Johnson, our two great ladies who passed away this winter, I heard about the old Ardenwald Johnson Creek Neighborhood.

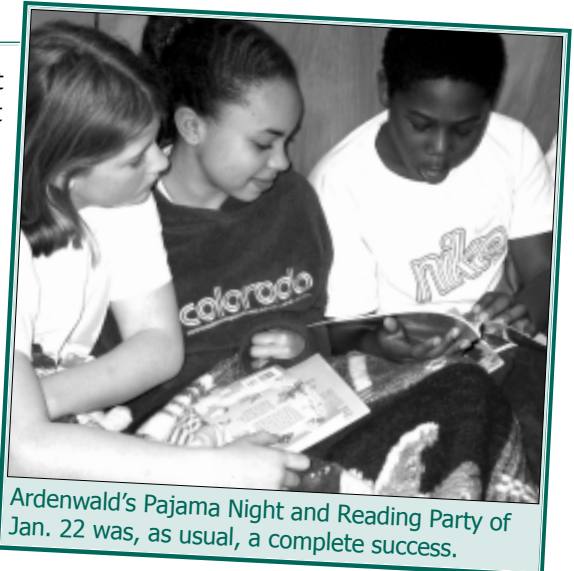
About a time when the Graf family and their neighbors shared meals, vacations, holidays and special gatherings. "We were all like one family," said one neighbor. I heard about the Monday afternoon wine socials attended by several women who lived on Johnson Creek Boulevard.

"It was Jean's day off so we got together at her house," said another. From

these loving people, I learned that "family" and "neighbor" were not that different in "those days."

These people and their memories reminded me of why I'm involved in the Neighborhood Association. I want to help us all return, as much as possible, to "the good old days." Those times were about community and caring for each other. They were about getting to know each other and learning to rely on friends and neighbors when you needed help. They were about sharing experiences, from the simplest cup of tea to a Neighborhood-wide event.

The Graf family was the first to come up with the idea for our annual Neighborhood parade. The Johnson family donated the land that is now Ardenwald Park, where we hold our August Family



Ardenwald's Pajama Night and Reading Party of Jan. 22 was, as usual, a complete success.

Concerts. In great and small ways these two families have set a high standard for what it means to be a community.

I for one, hope to be able to follow their example as well as I can.

## LAKE ROAD

Written by **Bob Moore**, Chair

### NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 12, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Clackamas ESD**

Our Neighborhood sign project is evolving into a "chicken and the egg" kind of dilemma. We know we want a sign for our Neighborhood, this being the "egg," but now we're dealing with the application process with the City and this represents the "chicken."

We've formed a committee to look at where the sign should be placed, how big it will be and what it will look like, and fortunately, Lindsey Nesbitt, Associate Planner with

the City, attended our February meeting and contributed a helpful hand to guide us through this process.

We're thinking our "egg", our sign, will be roughly 3' by 5' with maybe a couple of stone columns or a pedestal base. With shape down, our next focus is what the sign should say. How much the sign will cost is the next natural question, and Lake Road neighbor Scott Webb, also of Custom Wood Signs, provided us with some rough costing and some helpful information on colors and sign life.

Clackamas Education Service District (ESD) will feature an "Open House" on May 12<sup>th</sup>, to coincide with the moving of our meeting location to their facility beginning in May. Future Lake Road meetings will be held at the ESD facility.



## AROUND TOWN

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair  
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 8, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Hector Campbell Elementary**

Spring is on its way and thoughts turn to outdoors. So when you are out and about take the time to meet your neighbors. This is the first step in crime prevention.

A BIG THANKS to all who turned out for our last meeting. As for Neighborhood news, the new Super Burrito will open this month as phase one of the new King Road Project moves forward. Some things you will see in the next phase is the new building for Hi-School Pharmacy and expect some changes in traffic control along Harrison, 42<sup>nd</sup> and King. If you want more information on this project just attend the Neighborhood meetings in your area.

Work parties for Homewood Park will be starting up soon. The Planning Commission approved the plans for the park and the bid is out for a contractor to build the walking path through the park. Our parks are maintained by our Neighborhood, and we can always use your help. If you want more information on Neighborhood work parties attend the NDA meeting or watch the **Pilot** for future dates.

As for the March meeting we have lined up some people you may want to talk to, whom you ask is coming? Well, we have Steven Campbell, Milwaukie Code Compliance Officer, to address your code issues; Paul Shirey, City Engineering Director, to talk about the proposed water rate increase in July; Bill Conway of Clackamas Fire District No. 1 to talk about Emergency Preparedness and the services the Fire District provides. Hope to see you at the meeting.

## ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

The Island Station Neighborhood Association will be nominating officers at its March meeting and residents are strongly encouraged to help establish the Association's leadership.

Now's a great time to get involved with the Neighborhood. A lot is happening, with two projects in particular really gathering momentum. Resident Lisa Batey (front page) is heading an effort to develop a pocket park at Spring Park, and Charles Bird and Mary Avalon have revived the Friends of Elk Rock Island group and are actively working to protect and preserve the Island.

If you would like to learn more about either effort, please call the City at (503) 786-7503.

## LINWOOD

Written by **Dolly Macken Hambricht**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 11, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Linwood Elementary**

At our February meeting Planning Director John Gessner was on hand to answer questions regarding the proposed Ukrainian Bible Church expansion on Stanley Avenue. The church has been taking a second look at parking conditions for the attendees as well as other issues.

The intent is to follow up with additional proposals regarding phases of expansion and we will be hearing from the City as soon as new plans are received.

The Transit Center Relocation Working Group reviewed the most formalized of the transportation plans at its last meeting. Some of the folks voiced concern over how the

projects and phases were to be funded, as well as concerns about the transit center replacement location and light rail, in general. There will be planning commission meetings and other forums for public input announced as they come around. (See page 3) Folks are encouraged to participate.

The Police Department's calls-for-service graph was discussed, and we noted that Linwood is the third highest area for calls. Folks voiced concerns about traffic speeds in the Neighborhood and we eagerly await the data recently collected on Stanley Avenue just north of Railroad Avenue that will address patterns for speed enforcement.

Next meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup> and we will be discussing the County's proposed Adopt-a-Park Program and we have invited Fire District No. 1 to discuss the Community Emergency Response Team training program offered by the district. Please plan to attend!

## LEWELLING

Written by **Art Ball**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 4, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

**Light Rail and Beyond!**

Now that the light rail issue seems to be resolved and the bus transit center will be moved out of the Downtown, it is time to get on with other developments that will help revitalize our City.

Our attention should now be directed to the North Main Street Project and the Riverfront. These improvements will be

the noticeable assets that will begin to pump life, vigor and vitality into our little City. I'm excited about Milwaukie's future and I hope you are too.

**Help the Kids of Lewelling Elementary!**

The Oregonian recently ran an article about the construction of a climbing wall in the new gym at Lewelling Elementary School. This article generated a discussion at our February meeting as to how the Neighborhood Association can be of some assistance to this project.

We met with the school's principal and he brought to surface some of the reasons for the need of such a structure.

It was learned that the climbing wall is intended to promote physical fitness, challenges, increase a child's self-confidence and give a child a place to fit into the physical fitness programs that the school offers. This wall will provide many advantages to those children that don't fit into traditional sports such as soccer or football.

At our March meeting the membership will be voting to assist with this project by matching a school spaghetti dinner fund-raiser or pledging a given amount. This is a worthwhile project that certainly merits our help.

# City Events Calendar

March 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MCH - Milwaukie City Hall,</b> 10722 SE Main Street <b>PSB - Public Safety Building,</b> 3200 SE Harrison Street <b>JCB - Public Works Building,</b> 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. <b>MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE</b> Kellogg Creek Drive <b>LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE</b> 21st Avenue		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:30pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)	7:00pm Lewelling NDA (Lewelling Elementary)	10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	<b>First Saturday Music                      Program</b> Ledding Library 2-3 p.m. Admission is free
7	1 7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Elementary) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Campbell Elementary)	2 6:30pm Ardenwald/ Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elementary) 6:30pm Planning Commission(MCH) <b>(See page 3)</b>	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:30pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)	17	6:30pm Island Station NDA (Milwaukie Grange)	19	<b>Marionette Show</b> Ledding Library 2 p.m. Admission is free (see page 3)
21	6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)	6:30pm Planning Commission Work Session (MCH)	24	6:00pm Public Safety Board (PSB)	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

### ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays  
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary  
 Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771  
 email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

### HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Hector Campbell Elementary  
 Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258  
 email: dlasch@comcast.net

### HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays  
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary  
 Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493  
 email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

### ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange  
 Chair, Rick Farasy, (503) 786-2437

### LAKE ROAD

This month's meeting to be held March 12<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00 p.m., **Clackamas ESD**  
 Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

### LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Lewelling Elementary  
 Chair, Art Ball, (503) 786-4016

### LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays  
 6:30 p.m., Linwood Elementary  
 Chair, Dolly Macken Hambricht, (503) 659-8908

## Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30  
 Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m.,  
 7 p.m., 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30  
 Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m.,  
 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being  
 rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable  
 Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any  
 questions or suggestions you might have.  
 Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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